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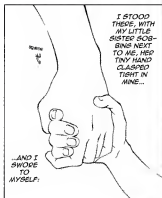
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I STOOD  
THERE, WITH  
MY LITTLE  
SISTER SOB-  
BING NEXT  
TO ME, HER  
TINY HAND  
CLASPED  
TIGHT IN  
MINE...

...AND I  
SWORE  
TO  
MYSELF:



THE  
DAY OUR  
PARENTS  
ABAN-  
DONED  
US...



I WILL LIVE

FOR THE SAKE  
OF THIS CHILD.



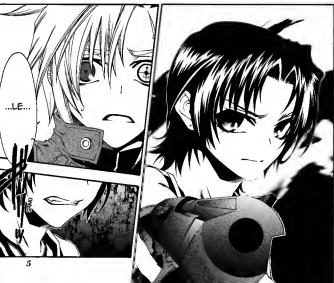
I WILL LIVE

FOR THE SAKE  
OF HER SMILE.



No.006\_TEARS











...ALL YOU  
MOTHER  
KEEPERS!

I'LL  
MAKE  
YOU PAY  
FOR  
THAT...

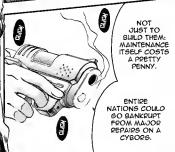


HOW ABOUT I  
MAKE YOU  
PAY FOR  
THAT, GUY'S  
INTEREST

AND  
HERE  
YOU'VE  
GONE AND  
BROKEN  
TWO OF  
MINE.



YOU  
KNOW...  
CYBORGS  
ARE  
REALLY  
EXPEN-  
SIVE.



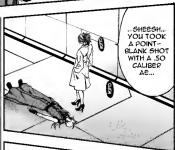
NOT  
JUST TO  
BUILD THEM:  
MAINTENANCE  
ITSELF COSTS  
A PRETTY  
PENNY.

ENTIRE  
NATIONS COULD  
GO BANKRUPT  
FROM MAJOR  
REPAIRS ON A  
CYBORG.











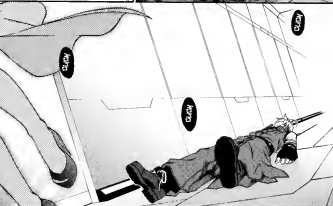


YOU GIVE  
ANOTHER LAME  
PERFORMANCE  
LIKE THAT...

LOOKS  
LIKE SHE HIT  
YOU IN JUST  
THE RIGHT  
SPOT TO  
ACTIVATE  
SOME  
DEPRECATED  
FUNCTION-  
ALITY...

HEY!

...AND I'LL  
REFORMAT  
YOU.





IT'S NOT  
LIKE I WAS  
FIGHTING FOR  
ANYTHING IN  
PARTICULAR.

I  
WASN'T  
FIGHTING  
FOR ANY  
LOFTY  
IDEALS.



I WAS  
NEVER  
REALLY  
DISCONTENT  
WITH THE  
STATUS  
QUO.

...THE  
TRUTH  
IS...



THE TRUTH IS...

ALL I  
EVER  
NEEDED  
TO BE  
HAPPY

...

...WAS  
THE  
PRECIOUS  
LITTLE  
SISTER  
SMILING  
BY MY  
SIDE.







THAT  
DAY, MY  
WHOLE  
WORLD  
CRUMBLED,  
MIXING  
WITH  
TEARS  
THAT  
WOULD  
NOT STOP  
FALLING.

FINALLY, I  
REALIZED...

CRYING WAS  
POINTLESS.



...MY  
ANGLISH  
NEVER  
CEASED.

AS  
TEARS  
POURED  
FROM  
ME.

...AND  
CLAIM MY  
REVENGE.



I SWORE  
TO MYSELF  
THAT I WOULD  
TAKE THAT  
UNDEADABLE  
BURDEN OF  
HEARTACHE...

...AND HOLD  
IT INTO  
STRENGTH.



BY  
MY OWN  
HANDS,  
I WOULD  
WIELD THAT  
STRENGTH

STRENGTH  
ENOUGH  
TO FIGHT  
THOSE WHO  
HAD TAKEN  
WHAT WAS  
PRECIOUS  
TO ME.





No.007 EACH PURPOSE





HAS LENA...

...GOTTEN  
BACK  
YET?

Gang...





LEN-  
NARD—



!!DADAZZZ!!









RE-  
VENGE!

REVENGE  
ON THE  
MOTHER  
KEEPERS  
WHO  
STOLE  
RICKY  
FROM  
ME!



RUB

I'M  
COOPERATING  
BECAUSE  
THIS IS THE  
SQUAD RICKY  
WAS IN...  
BUT MY  
GOALS ARE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM  
YOURS.

DON'T  
GET ME  
WRONG.

...WHAT  
GOALS?



THE  
RESIS-  
TANCE

...  
MYSELF

FOR  
THAT END,  
I'LL USE  
ANY MEANS  
AT MY DIS-  
POSAL.



...  
LEN-  
NARD

I  
COULDN'T  
TAKE IT IF  
I'D BEEN  
TOO WEAK  
TO FIGHT  
THEM  
MYSELF.



GOOD  
THING I'M  
A GIFTED  
FIGHTER  
LIKE  
RICKY.



FORGET  
RICALNA...

PLEASE,  
IT'S HIGH  
TIME...



YOU'RE  
TOO OB-  
SESSED  
WITH RE-  
VENGE!

... WHAT  
...?



REVENGE

IT'S  
ALREADY  
BEEN TEN  
YEARS.



IT'S TIME  
YOU TRIED  
LIVING FOR  
YOUR OWN  
SAKE.





YOU'VE  
GOT A  
LOT OF  
NERVE  
SAYING  
THAT...!

FORGET  
HWA...!!

THAT'S  
WHAT  
SICALNA  
WOULD  
HAVE  
WANT—

**BULL-  
SHIT  
!!!**



AND  
IT'S ALL  
THANKS  
TO YOU  
AND YOUR  
MISSION  
!!

RICKY  
GOT  
KILLED  
...

YOU CAN'T  
SERIOUSLY  
MEAN...



...WHAT  
GOALS



...I  
KNOW  
THAT.

THAT'S  
RIGHT...



BUT  
JUST AS  
YOU HAVE  
YOUR GOALS,  
WE HAVE  
OURS AS  
WELL. AND  
WE HAVE TO  
BE WILLING  
TO MAKE  
SACRIFICES  
FOR THAT.



WE  
INTEND TO  
SEIZE THE  
MOTHER  
COMPUTER.



...  
WHAT  
THE  
HELL?



BUT TO  
SACRIFICE  
SO MANY  
COMRADES

...

...AND  
USE THEIR  
BODIES AS  
STEPPING  
STONES

...

I'VE  
SUSPECTED  
FOR SOME  
TIME NOW

...

...THAT  
COSMOS'S  
AIMS WERE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM THE  
REST OF THE  
RESISTANCE

...

WHY  
DO YOU  
HAVE TO GO  
THAT FAR  
IN YOUR  
OBSESSION  
WITH THE  
MOTHER  
COMPUTER  
?!

**CAPTURING  
THE  
MOTHER  
COMPUTER**

...

**...ISN'T  
GOING  
TO  
CHANGE  
THE  
WORLD  
!!**









LENNARD

I DON'T  
SEE WHY YOU'VE  
PERSISTED IN  
STAYING WITH  
COSMOS, WHEN  
YOU CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THAT MUCH...



BUT  
HERE,  
WE ACT  
AS ONE  
UNIT!

I  
KNOW  
HOW  
YOU  
FEEL...



...PUT  
THE LIVES  
OF EVERY  
TEAM  
MEMBER  
IN JEOP-  
ARDY!

YOUR  
SELFISH  
ACTIONS  
...



BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT  
WHAT'S  
IMPOR-  
TANT.



YOU  
MAY BE  
THE MOST  
TALENTED  
MEMBER OF  
COSMOS.

AND IT'S  
TRUE YOU'RE  
CAPABLE  
OF FILLING  
THE ROLE  
RICALNA LEFT  
BEHIND.

IN ORDER  
TO ACHIEVE  
THAT GOAL,  
EACH OF US  
IS WILLING TO  
SUPPRESS  
OUR INDIVIDU-  
AL OPINIONS  
AND FOLLOW  
ORDERS.

THE REST  
OF US COME  
TO EACH  
MISSION  
PREPARED  
TO MAKE  
SACRIFICES  
FOR A  
COMMON  
GOAL.



ANYONE  
WHO  
CLAIMS TO  
BELONG TO  
COSMOS

...

...  
SHOULD  
NOT PUT  
THEIR OWN  
GOALS  
BEFORE  
ALL OF  
OURS!!!

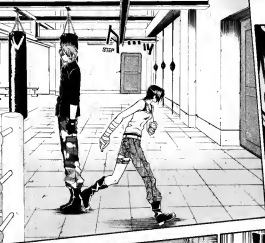


**YOU  
GOT  
THAT  
?!!**

**IF  
YOU  
WANT  
REVENGE,  
THEN DO  
IT ON  
YOUR  
OWN  
TIME!**

**LEAVE  
US  
OUT  
OF  
IT!!!**









...SHE...

...AND  
LOSES  
SIGHT OF  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE  
AROUND  
HER...



...SHE  
GETS  
FIXATED  
ON HER  
BROTHER'S  
DEATH...



...BUT,  
SHE...  
THAT'S



JUST  
BEAR  
WITH  
HER.



ISN'T  
THAT THE  
RISKIEST  
THING WE  
COULD  
DO?





OKAY.

NO  
PROBLEMS  
MOVING...  
NO ODD  
SENSA-  
TIONS...  
THIS ARM  
SEEMS  
JUST  
FINE.



OH,  
RIGHT!  
HAHAHA.

BUT OF  
COURSE.

IT'S  
MY WORK,  
SO OF  
COURSE  
IT'S  
PERFECT.

NO.008.DIFFERENCE





WHAT  
WAS  
THAT  
FOR  
PI!

SO YOU  
CAN TALK!  
ARE YOU  
GONNA KEEP  
MOPING  
LIKE THIS  
FOREVER?  
YOUR FACE  
PISSES ME  
OFF!

OW  
PI!

SINCE  
YOU WON'T  
ROTHER  
TO MAKE AN  
OPERATION-  
AL STATUS  
REPORT, YOU  
DON'T GET  
TO COMPLAIN  
IF I EXAMINE  
YOU IN-  
STEAD.

WHAT  
THE  
PI!

BESIDES,  
YOUR  
BODY'S  
AREA O  
PROP-  
ERTY.



MY THOUGHTS  
EXACTLY... UN-  
FORTUNATELY,  
THE GUYS  
UPSTAIRS DON'T  
SEEM TO LIKE  
US VERY MUCH.  
THEY WON'T  
INCREASE MY  
BUDGET.

WE  
REALLY SHOULD  
EXPAND  
SECURITY  
PANEL  
COVERAGE  
FOR THE SURFACE  
AREAS.



...YOU  
KNOW...  
THAT  
GIRL WAS  
PRETTY  
TOUGH  
...



I'VE  
BROUGHT  
THE  
BROKEN  
SECURITY  
PANELS.  
THEY NEED  
TO BE RE-  
PAIRED.

SURE,  
SET THEM  
OVER  
THERE.

ARMED





HUH...  
DON'T  
YOU  
GET  
IT?

SOME-  
ONE LIKE  
THAT ISN'T  
CAPABLE OF  
PROTECTING  
ANYTHING.

Ha

HUH?  
WHY?

DARK,  
HIDEOUS  
STRENGTH  
LIKE HERS  
IS ONLY  
GOOD FOR  
ATTACK-  
ING, NOT  
DEFEND-  
ING.

...  
WHAT...  
DO  
YOU  
MEAN...  
BY  
THAT?

!

AND NOT JUST  
ANY HATRED —  
LOATHING SO  
INTENSE, IT  
CONSUMES  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE INSIDE.

IT'S THE  
SORT OF  
POWER ONLY  
GAINED BY  
LETTING ANGER  
AND HATRED  
DEVOUR YOUR  
HEART.

UNTIL SHE  
CAN'T EVEN  
RECOGNIZE  
HER OWN  
BROTHER  
WHEN HE'S  
STANDING  
RIGHT IN  
FRONT OF  
HER.



...AND  
I'LL—

"AND  
I'LL..."  
WHAT?

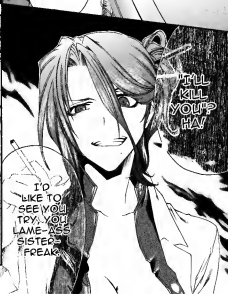
YOU  
INSULT MY...  
THAT GIRL,  
ONE MORE  
TIME...



**SHUT  
UP  
!!!**



....



**"I'LL  
KILL  
YOU?"  
HA!**

I'D  
LIKE TO  
SEE YOU  
TRY, YOU  
LAME-ASS  
SISTER-  
FREAK



HOLD IT,  
RICALNA.



BUT IF  
YOU FEEL  
EVEN THE  
SLIGHTEST  
ABNORMAL  
SENSATION,  
REPORT  
BACK AT  
ONCE.



YOU  
CAN GO  
AHEAD  
AND  
LEAVE.

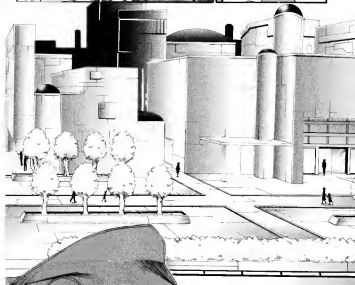






HOLO  
IT RIGHT  
THERE!!







THAT'S  
RIGHT.

I'VE  
NEVER  
REALLY  
BEEN TO  
EDEN...  
EXCEPT  
WHEN ON  
MISSIONS



AND THAT  
WAS MORE  
LIKE TOURING  
THE SEWERS  
AND AIR-DUCTS  
OF HEAVEN'S  
TOWER.

I'VE  
NEVER  
HAD THE  
CHANCE  
TO SEE  
THE CITY  
ITSELF...



...BUT...

© Gungo



...THESE  
PEOPLE  
SURE  
GOT IT  
NICE  
HERE.



IT'S  
STRANGE...  
I THOUGHT  
THEY'D ALL BE  
A BUNCH OF  
SNOBS...



...BEING  
WITH THE  
GANGS AT  
COSMOS

BUT IT  
FEELS  
MORE  
LIKE...



WHOOOA...!!  
THAT'S SO  
COOL!!!



OH  
WOW!  
ARE  
THESE  
REAL  
?!



STORY  
DON'T  
TOUCH  
THAT,  
IT'S DANGEROUS

HUM,  
IT'S  
JUST  
A KID  
...



...BAD  
GUYS  
...?



AWW,  
NO WAY  
YOU'RE  
NOT!  
YOU'VE  
GOT  
THOSE  
GUNS!

UH... I  
DON'T  
THINK  
SO?

"KELEY  
FORCE"?  
OH... HE MUST  
MEAN EDEN'S  
SECURITY  
POLICE...

Armored Troops

Patrol Officer



YOU  
USE THEM  
AGAINST  
THOSE  
BAD GUYS  
FROM THAT  
"RESISTANCE"  
THING,  
RIGHT?



THEY'RE  
REALLY BAD  
GUYS...



YEAH...  
THERE ARE  
THESE EVIL  
PEOPLE  
OUTSIDE  
WHO HATE  
EDEN...

AND  
THEY COME  
IN AND DO  
"TERRORISM"  
AND KILL  
THE GOOD  
PEOPLE, YOU  
KNOW?





MOMMY  
AND DADDY  
SAID, "THEY  
CALL THEM-  
SELVES THE  
RESISTANCE

BUT  
THEY'RE  
JUST MUR-  
DERERS."





YEAH!!

OKAY,  
THEN... DO  
YOUR BEST,  
KID!



SORRY,  
MISTER, WE  
GOTTA GO  
NOW!

SURE,  
YOU KIDS  
TAKE  
CARE.

OH NO!  
YOU DON'T  
WANT  
THAT!

HEY, HEY...  
MOMMY'S  
GONNA BE  
MAD IF WE  
DON'T GET  
HOME  
SOON...



SEE  
YA!!



...  
WHAT  
DOES  
THAT  
MAKE  
ME?

THE EVIL  
RESISTANCE?



OKAY,  
OKAY! I'M  
DOING IT  
ALREADY.

TURKES.  
IT'S  
TIME.









HOW  
'BOUT WE  
START  
SOME...







YAAA

...

...  
AUGHH  
!!!



NO...  
NOOOO

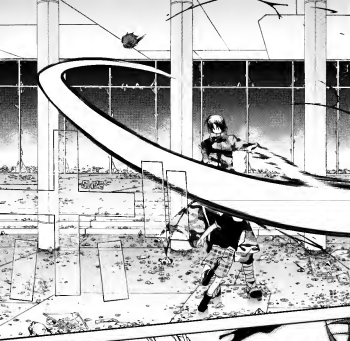
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SARAH...  
SARAH-  
HHH!



DAMN  
YOU!

Grrr!  
I'M  
GONNA  
GET  
YOU,  
RESIS-  
TANCE...  
GONNA  
MAKE  
YOU  
PAY!



No.009\_CHAOS TIDE



WHY THE HELL NOT? WE'VE KILLED PLENTY OF PEOPLE ALREADY. WHAT'S ONE MORE?

NOT AGAIN, TURKES... YOU DON'T NEED TO KILL CHILDREN.



BESIDES, IT BEATS THE POOR BUY GETTING LEFT ALL ALONE.

AND IT WAS NICE OF ME TO KILL HIM IN JUST ONE SECOND.



ALLL-  
UGGGGH-  
HHH!!!!







BUT DID HE  
REALLY  
GET IN A  
BLOW AT  
ME?

I DID  
LET MY  
GUARD  
DOWN



NO...  
THEY  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
MADE IT  
HERE THIS  
QUICKLY  
...

...ONE  
OF THE  
KELLEY  
BOSS?  
?!



...WHY...

...



WHY  
DID YOU  
KILL THAT  
KID?

...WHY  
DID YOU  
KILL ALL  
THESE  
PEOPLE  
?!

THEY HAD  
NOTHING  
TO DO WITH  
HEAVEN'S  
TOWER!!



Heh heh  
heh!

WHAT  
IS THIS  
SHIT  
YOU'RE  
SPEW-  
ING?

DON'T  
MAKE ME  
LAUGH.



HEH  
...





THEY'RE  
FROM  
EDEN.  
THAT'S  
ENOUGH.

DUMBASS.



WHO  
CARES  
IF THEY'RE  
HEAVEN'S  
TOWER,  
KELLEY  
FORCE,  
OR JUST  
PEONS?



MAKES NO  
DIFFERENCE  
TO ME.



THAT  
MEANS  
YOU GET  
TO DIE,  
TOO!



GUESS  
WHAT?

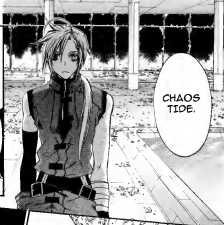






...  
REALLY  
...

SO  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
AROUND!



CHAOS  
TIDE.



...IN  
THAT  
CASE...

YOU'RE  
THE ONLY  
RESISTANCE  
GROUP  
I KNOW  
THAT'D  
DO SUCH  
THINGS!

NOW  
IT MAKES  
PERFECT  
SENSE THAT  
YOU'RE  
COMMITTING  
THESE  
HORRIBLY  
EVIL  
DEEDS.



!!



WHOOH





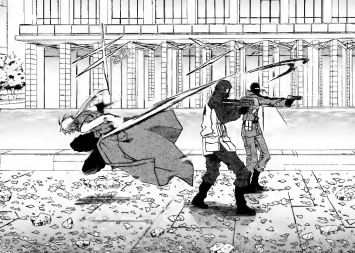


















IT'S  
MY LUCKY  
DAY!

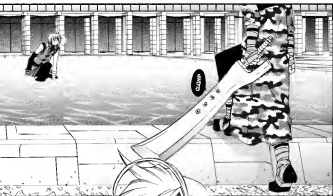
WOW, NEVER  
THOUGHT A  
CESSPOOL  
LIKE EDEN  
WOULD HAVE  
SOMEONE  
LIKE HIM...





No.010\_DISTRACTION







I  
THOUGHT  
YOU'D  
FLIP OUT  
AND KILL  
THEM.

BUT YOU  
HELD BACK  
ENOUGH TO  
LET THEM  
LIVE.



YOU'RE A  
NICE GUY...  
REALLY...



YOU'RE CARRYING  
GUNS, BUT IT'S LIKE  
YOU PLAN TO KEEP  
THE SAFETY ON  
FOREVER...





IS  
THAT

...

...  
YOUR  
PLAN  
?!!

WHAT  
STRENGTH

SAH!



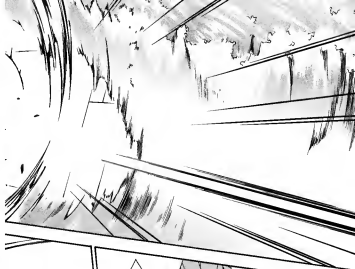
**TAKE  
THE  
SAFETY  
OFF.**

**I'M  
NOT LIKE  
THOSE  
DUMB-  
ASSES.**

**IF YOU  
DON'T  
FIGHT  
ME SERI-  
OUSLY...**

**...I'M  
GOING  
TO KILL  
YOU.**





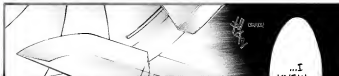












...I  
KNEW...



...YOU  
LOOKED  
FAMILIAR  
...



...



WHAT  
THE  
HELL...  
IS  
WITH  
GUY  
?!



BUT HE  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO  
WITHSTAND  
THAT  
HEAD-ON  
ATTACK!

KNOCKING  
AWAY MY  
MASSIVE  
BULLETS  
WAS ONE  
THING...

What...  
...this...  
...this. This  
was high-  
levelly  
technology.

SO  
EVEN IF HE  
MANAGED TO  
BLOCK  
MY ATTACK  
...

THAT  
CRAZY  
SCIENTIST  
WAS SAYING  
THE MATERIAL  
USED IN MY  
ARMORING  
WAS  
CUSTOM-  
MADE.

...AN  
ORDINARY  
HUMAN  
SHOULD  
COLLAPSE  
BENEATH  
MY WEIGHT,  
LET ALONE  
THE FORCE  
OF MY  
FALL.

IT'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE MUCH  
HEAVIER THAN  
WHAT SYAL AND  
THAT UNDER-  
TAKER HAVE...  
I CAN CERTAINLY  
VOUCH FOR  
THAT, BASED  
ON MY EX-  
PERIENCE...

WHAZZA  
MATTER?  
YOU'RE  
SO  
TENSE.

NEED A  
LONGER  
WARMUP  
...?

IS THIS  
GUY... A  
CYBORG,  
TOO?!

OH,  
CRAP...



I FINALLY  
FOUND A GUY  
WHO COULD  
ACTUALLY  
TAKE ME AT  
MY FULL  
STRENGTH...

THIS  
IS A  
BLAST!

WANT  
MORE  
FUN?

I  
KNOW  
I DO!









EVEN  
IF HE WERE  
STILL ALIVE,  
HE'D LOOK  
MUCH OLDER  
THAN YOU.

LIKE,  
I HEARD  
A RUMOR  
THAT HE DIED  
TEN YEARS  
AGO.



...

SO  
AT FIRST  
I FIGURED  
YOU FOR  
SOME GUY  
WHO JUST  
HAPPENED  
TO LOOK  
LIKE HIM.



BUT FOR  
CYBORGSS,  
AGE  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
ANYMORE.  
DOES  
IT?





YOU GONNA  
GO RUNNING  
THROUGH  
THESE BUNKS,  
PROCLAIMING  
"RICALNA'S  
ALIVE," OR  
SOMETHING?

ACTUALLY,  
FROM MY  
POINT OF  
VIEW, THAT'D  
BE PRETTY  
HELPFUL...



OR  
MAYBE  
YOU  
WERE  
ALWAYS  
PLAYING  
BOTH  
SIDES?

SO  
EDEN'S  
GOT YOU  
ON A  
LEASH  
NOW.



BUT,  
C'MON,  
SO WHAT  
IF I'M  
STILL  
ALIVE?

...DON'T  
GET ME  
WRONG...  
I'M NOT  
THEIR DOG,  
AND I'M NO  
DOUBLE-  
CROSSED  
EITHER  
...

WELL...  
NOT LIKE  
TELLING  
YOU THAT'S  
GONNA  
CHANGE  
YOUR  
MIND...



I HATE  
DOING THAT  
SORTA PAIN-  
IN-THE-ASS  
CRAP.

OH,  
YEAH  
?

...



YOU KNOW...  
I'M SICK TO  
DEATH OF THOSE  
GUYS WHO KEEP  
TALKING ABOUT  
IDEALS, BUT  
DO NOTHING BUT  
DESTROY.

BESIDES,  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE I GIVE  
A DAMN  
ABOUT THE  
BEST OF  
THE RESIS-  
TANCE.

?



...THAT YOU  
MANAGED TO  
SURVIVE...

SO  
RICALNA,  
THE FACT

PAT  
とん。

...MEANS  
THE  
WORLD  
TO ME.

...BUT  
THAT  
HARDLY  
MATTERS  
NOW.

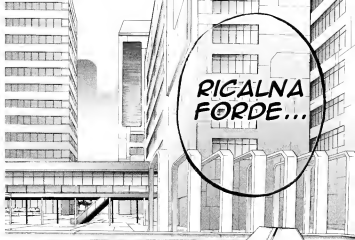
CURRENTLY  
THE ACTING  
HEAD OF  
CHAOS TIDE  
AT THE  
REQUEST  
OF THOSE  
SCUM...

Heh...  
I'M  
TURKES  
VERA-  
FOULT.

...HUH?



...  
**YOU  
WILL  
BE  
MINE.**



**RICALNA  
FORDE...**





WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
?!!





UH...  
SORRY,  
BUT...  
I'D REALLY,  
REALLY  
RATHER  
NOT...





No.01IDENTITY

I BELIEVE  
EVERYONE  
HAS THE RIGHT  
TO LIVE HOW-  
EVER THEY LIKE,  
NO MATTER  
WHAT OTHERS  
SAY...

JUST  
SAYING,  
I'M NOT THE  
KIND OF  
GUY YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR...

UH..  
I'M JUST  
NOT  
REALLY  
INTO  
THAT  
SCENE...

OH, NOT  
THAT THERE'S  
ANYTHING  
WRONG WITH  
THAT, OF  
COURSE...

...  
RATHER  
NOT?



YOU'LL  
JUST UPSET  
MY PLANS IF  
I LEAVE YOU  
HERE...

AH, WELL...  
IT'S A SHAME,  
BUT SINCE  
I CAN'T HAVE  
ANYONE IN  
MY WAY...

YOU'RE  
WELCOME  
TO COME  
STAY AT MY  
PLACE.

BUT IT  
SOUNDED  
LIKE YOU  
WANTED TO  
GET OUT OF  
EDEN...



SO  
IT'S  
"NO,"  
THEN?

THAT'S  
NICE, BUT  
I DON'T  
WANT TO  
GO  
THERE  
...

I'D  
RATHER  
STAY IN  
EDEN  
THAN DO  
THAT.



KILL  
YOU.

I'LL  
JUST...



WHAT  
...P!!

YOU...



OF  
COURSE,  
DUMB-  
ASS

YOU'RE  
REALLY  
THAT  
UPSET  
ABOUT  
THIS...P!

I HATE  
GUYS  
WHO  
KEEP ME  
FROM  
FULFILL-  
ING MY  
GOAL.





...WITH  
THESE  
STUFFY  
RESISTANCE  
GUYS

YES,  
DICALNA

Y'KNOW,  
I'M GETTING  
PRETTY  
BORED...



IN  
SHORT,  
THEY  
SUCK.

...!!

THEY'RE  
ALL JUST  
GOING  
THROUGH  
THE  
MOTIONS  
OF RESIS-  
TANCE.

ACTIVISTS  
THAT'VE  
BEEN  
FOCUSED  
ON  
"RESISTING"  
FOR SO LONG...

...THEY'VE  
TOTALLY  
FORGOTTEN  
WHAT  
THEY WERE  
ORIGINALLY  
FIGHTING  
FOR.

YOUR  
GOAL?



...REALLY  
ISN'T MY  
GOAL?

...THAT  
TERROR-  
ISM...

CAN'T  
YOU  
SEE...



AND YOU  
HAVE THE  
GALL TO  
STAND  
THERE AND  
TELL ME  
YOUR GOAL  
ISN'T  
TERRORISM?

...HOW  
CAN YOU  
SAY  
THAT?

YOU  
EVEN  
KILL  
CHILDREN!

YOU  
WRECK  
THE LIVES  
OF  
INNOCENT  
PEOPLE...





SAY,  
YOUR OLD  
GANG'S UP  
TO SOME-  
THING.  
  
DID YOU  
EVER STOP  
TO WONDER  
ABOUT WHAT  
THEY'RE  
TRYING TO  
ACHIEVE?

....!!





BUT MY  
GOAL ISN'T  
RESISTANCE  
OR RECON-  
CILIATION.

NOT  
MASS  
MURDER,  
EITHER.

ARE  
YOU JUST  
TRYING TO  
PROVE YOUR  
WAY IS  
BETTER,  
BY PUTTING  
OTHER  
PEOPLE  
DOWN?

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO'S  
FULL OF  
SHIT!!

FEH

I BET IT'S  
SOMETHING  
EQUALLY  
RIDICU-  
LOUS, LIKE  
MURDERING  
EVERY LAST  
PERSON IN  
EDEN...





IT'S  
UNIFI-  
CATION.



SUCH  
A WEAK  
FORCE  
COULDN'T  
OVER-  
THROW  
ANYTHING  
AT THIS  
POINT.

THEY MAY  
STYLE THEM-  
SELVES AS "THE  
RESISTANCE",  
BUT IN THE END  
THEY'RE JUST  
AN UNRULY  
MOB.

AND EVEN  
IF THEY WERE  
WORKING  
TOWARDS IT...  
IT WOULDN'T  
DO ANY  
GOOD.



SO  
WHILE I'M  
ASSISTING  
CHAOS  
TIDE, I'M  
ACTUALLY  
CRUISING  
FOR GUYS  
WHO CAN  
BRING ME  
POWER.

GUYS  
WITH REAL,  
ULTIMATE  
POWER...  
ENOUGH  
TO GET ME  
CONTROL  
OF EVERY-  
THING.



SUH  
...PT



WELL THEN,  
HOW MANY  
IN THE RESIS-  
TANCE ARE  
ACTUALLY  
TRYING TO  
ACHIEVE  
IT?



...THE HELL?  
I WAS ALL  
READY TO BE  
SHOCKED  
BY YOUR BIG  
"GOAL"... DIDN'T  
EXPECT TO  
HEAR THAT  
ONE...

ISN'T  
UNIFICATION  
WHAT  
EVERYBODY  
IN THE  
RESISTANCE  
WISHES  
FOR?

NO ONE,  
RIGHT?



YES,  
RICALNA

JOIN  
ME, AND  
TOGETHER  
WE CAN  
RULE THIS  
WORLD!



LEND  
ME YOUR  
POWER!

THAT  
WAY,  
I WON'T  
HAVE  
TO KILL  
YOU.



## マザーキーパー 2







I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU HAD A FLAP OF SKIN MISSING!

I GET IT, IT WASN'T PEELED OFF...



...  
WHAT ABOUT IT?



THAT BLOW...





I COULD  
DRAG YOU  
HOME, BUT  
YOU'D MAKE  
A PRETTY  
BIG DOOR-  
STOP IF  
WE CAN'T  
REBOOT  
YOU.

SO  
I'LL  
WITH-  
DRAW  
FOR  
NOW.

BESIDES,  
IT'S NO FUN  
TO PLAY  
WITH YOU  
WHILE  
YOU'RE  
LIKE  
THAT.



Heh heh.  
DON'T  
GIVE ME  
THAT  
LOOK.

YOU'RE  
JUST  
GONNA  
HIBERNATE  
FOR A  
WHILE.

Co[ing] 7 (Fin) Co[ntinue] 33 (Start)

PLUS,  
THERE'RE  
KEYLY DOGS  
HEADED  
OUR  
WAY.

SURELY  
THEY'LL  
RECOVER  
YOU.



CATCH  
YA  
LATER.

Plenty  
of  
key

WE'LL  
HAVE A  
NIIICE  
LONG  
CHAT  
THEN.

She  
getting so  
close to  
end





BUT ALSO  
BECAUSE...  
YOU'RE JUST  
LIKE ME.









WE  
ARE

...THE  
EXACT  
SAME

...  
MODEL.



GREAT  
TIMING,  
KELEY  
DOSS...

SHIT!



HOPE  
YOU HAVE  
A GOOD  
ANSWER  
FOR ME  
NEXT  
TIME.

ANYWAY,  
I'VE GOTTA  
BE GOING  
NOW...



THAT'S...  
IMPOSSIBLE!

BUT HE'S  
THE SAME  
TYPE AS A  
MOTHER  
KEEPER!

NOT  
ONLY IS  
THIS SLUM  
GUY A  
CYBORG

...



WAIT  
!!

!!



...WHAT  
MAKES  
YOU THINK  
THAT?

WERE YOU  
ORIGINALLY...  
SOMEONE  
FROM EDEN?  
...FROM  
HEAVEN'S  
TOWER?

AND DID  
YOU... SAY,  
GET BANISHED  
OR SOME-  
THING?

...  
WHAT  
IS IT?

OF COURSE,  
EVEN IF YOU  
WERE FROM  
EDEN...  
I WOULDN'T  
EXPECT YOU'D  
BE ABLE  
TO REBUILD  
YOURSELF...

...I MEAN...  
IN THE SLUMS,  
THERE  
SHOULDN'T  
BE ANY  
MATERIALS  
TO MAKE A  
CYBORG, MUCH  
LESS ANYONE  
WITH THE  
KNOWLEDGE  
TO DO  
SO...

I CAN  
TELL THAT  
FOR SURE,  
PARTLY  
BECAUSE I'M  
SLUM BORN  
AND BRED,  
BUT MOSTLY  
BECAUSE  
THE ONE  
WHO BUILT  
ME LIVES  
THERE,  
TOO.

...I  
DOUBT  
WE'RE  
THINKING  
OF THE  
SAME  
GUY.

IT'S JUST...  
RIGHT NOW  
THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
PERSON I  
KNOW OF  
WHO CAN  
BUILD CY-  
BORGS.

IF WE  
HAD THE  
SAME  
MAKER,  
THEN IT  
MAKES  
SENSE  
THAT  
WE'D  
BE THE  
SAME  
MODEL.

...HUHP?



HE'S  
THE  
ENGINEER  
WHO  
BUILT  
ME.



"ADAM."

BYE  
NOW!



...  
WAIT  
...!!



Shutdown in:

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WHAT  
THE  
HECK  
...

...IS  
THIS?

...  
HUH?









YOU  
DON'T  
NEED TO  
CRY.

WHERE  
ARE  
YOU  
?!



MOMMY!  
DADDY!



WHO'RE  
YOU...?!



COME  
WITH ME,  
RICALNA.

MY  
NAME IS...  
GRAHAM.

NO  
GRAHAM  
...?

YOUR  
"PARENTS"  
WERE  
MERELY  
STAND-  
INS.

THEIR  
LOSS POSES  
NO PROBLEM  
WHATSOEVER.

THE  
PROMISED  
TIME IS AT  
HAND.



BUT  
WHERE  
...

COME,  
LET'S GO  
MEET HER.



THERE  
IS NO  
"WHERE."



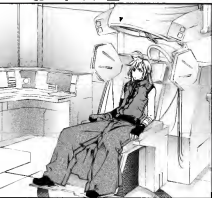
MEET  
WHOP





No.012\_ADAM











YOU'RE THE  
LAST GUY I'D  
EXPECT TO TAKE  
THE INITIATIVE  
AND BATTLE  
RESISTANCE  
FIGHTERS.

BUT  
WHAT  
A SUR-  
PRISE.



I DIDN'T DO IT  
FOR EDEN... I ONLY  
FOUGHT AGAINST  
THAT RESISTANCE  
TEAM BECAUSE  
THEIR GROUP'S  
METHODS ARE  
DESPICABLE.

DON'T  
GET ME  
WRONG.



THE  
ORGANIZATION  
ISN'T VERY LARGE,  
BUT THEY'RE STILL  
EXTREMELY WELL  
KNOWN FOR THEIR  
VIOLENT TERROR-  
IST ATTACKS. THEY  
SHOW NO MERCY  
TO ANY CITIZENS  
OF EDEN, NOT  
EVEN CHILDREN  
OR THE ELDERLY.

THAT BOMBING  
WAS DONE BY A  
TEAM FROM CHAOS  
TIDE. THEY'RE  
A RESISTANCE  
FACTION THAT'S  
GONE AROUND  
SINCE BEFORE MY  
TIME, AND THEY'VE  
ALWAYS BEEN  
NOTORIOUS  
FOR THEIR  
EXTREMISM.

OH,  
REALLY  
...?

JUST  
THEIR  
METHODS,  
YOU  
SAY?



THE  
REST OF  
THE WORLD  
SEES NO  
DISTINCTION  
BETWEEN  
TERRORISTS  
AND THE  
RESISTANCE.



ANYBODY  
WHO WOULD  
PARTICIPATE IN  
SUCH ACTIONS  
IS NOT TRULY  
PART OF THE  
RESISTANCE.

AND IT  
DOESN'T EVEN  
END THERE...  
THOSE GUYS  
WILL RAID OTHER  
RESISTANCE  
GROUPS OR EVEN  
DEHILITARIZED  
SLUM NEIGHBOR-  
HOODS FOR  
WEAPONS AND  
SUPPLIES.



...NO MORE  
THAN TER-  
RORISTS.

THEY'RE



OTHER





DON'T  
TRY TO  
MAKE YOUR  
ORGANIZATION  
LOOK  
SAINTLY BY  
DENYING THE  
FATUITY  
WITHIN YOUR  
RANKS.

step

step

IT'S UN-  
SEEMLY.

step  
down

AM I  
CORRECT IN  
PRESUMING  
THE COMMON  
KNOWLEDGE  
THAT AREA C  
MAY NOT BE  
ENTERED  
WITHOUT MY  
PERMISSION?

LEUTENANT  
GENERAL  
SCHROEDER

WHAT'D  
YOU  
SAY  
...PI

HMM...

IT  
DOES  
NOT  
APPLY  
TO ME.

BUT THAT  
PARTICULAR  
CLAIM OF  
AUTHORITY  
HAS ALWAYS  
SUGGESTED  
AN EXAMPLE  
OF PETTY EN-  
TITLEMENT.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHY THE  
PRESIDENT  
AND THE  
GENERAL-  
SHIP ARE  
ALL AFRAID  
OF YOU

SHALL I  
REQUEST  
THAT YOU  
LEAVE  
...P

BESIDES,  
I WOULD NEVER  
DESCEND TO THIS  
LEVEL UNLESS I  
HAD IMPORTANT  
BUSINESS TO  
DISCUSS.

CLACK



PLEASE  
DO NOT  
INVOLVE  
YOURSELF  
IN SUCH  
MATTERS  
IN THE  
FUTURE.

IT  
APPEARS YOU  
HAD A HAND IN  
APPREHENDING  
THE PERPETRA-  
TORS OF  
THAT LATEST  
TERRORIST  
ATTACK.

MAIN-  
TAINING  
THE PUBLIC  
ORDER IS  
SOLELY THE  
RESPONSI-  
BILITY OF  
OUR KEY  
FORCES.

YOUR  
JURIS-  
DICTION IS  
OFFICIALLY  
CONFINED  
TO  
AREA O.

YES...  
WELL...

IT'S  
NOT LIKE I  
SWOOPED  
IN TO SNATCH  
THE JOB AWAY  
FROM YOUR  
TEAM.

WE  
CANNOT  
ABIDE  
UNRELATED  
PARTIES...  
...  
OBSTRUCTING  
JUSTICE AND  
DISTURBING  
THE PEACE.

JUST  
MAKE  
SURE  
THAT IT  
DOESN'T  
HAPPEN  
AGAIN!

WE  
HAVE  
NO USE  
FOR EX-  
CUSES!

...  
HAM  
...

GOOD GRIEF...  
IT IS IM-  
POSSIBLE TO  
COMPREHEND  
WHY THE  
COUNTRY  
PROVIDES SUCH  
AN ENORMOUS  
AMOUNT OF  
PUNISHING TO  
A GROUP  
LIKE THIS.

YES, AFTER  
REQUIRING A  
FORMER SLAVE  
BORN IN THE  
SLUMS AND  
LATER A MASS-  
MURDERER ON  
DEATH ROW,  
YOU'VE NOW  
ADDED A RESIS-  
TANCE COMBAT-  
ANT TO YOUR  
COLLECTION.

HUH...?

...A  
MASS-  
MURDER-  
ER...?!

A  
FORMER  
SLAVE,  
AND...



...JUST  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TRYING  
TO  
IMPLY?



I DON'T  
KNOW IF  
YOU'VE  
CONSID-  
ERED A  
PRISONER  
OF WAR...

...BUT I  
WOULD PREFER  
RESISTANCE  
RATHER TO BE  
RETURNED TO  
THE SLUMS  
THEY CRAWLED  
OUT OF.



BE-  
CAUSE,  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO...

...YOU WERE  
THE FUCKING  
BASTARD WHO  
BURNED A  
SLUM NEIGH-  
BORHOOD  
TO ASHES,  
CLAIMING  
IT WAS A  
RESISTANCE  
PURGE!



A GUY  
WHO SPOUTS  
NOTHING BUT  
INSULTS, WHILE  
SMUGLY TALK-  
ING ABOUT  
"JUSTICE" AND  
"PEACE"...

YOU'RE  
JUST TRYING  
TO DOWNPLAY  
YOUR  
OWN DIRTY  
DEEDS

HOW  
DARE YOU  
SPEAK TO  
ME THAT  
WAY?!

WHAT  
COULD  
A SLUM-  
DWELLER  
LIKE YOU  
POSSIBLY  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
ME?

OH  
YES, I  
KNOW  
YOU...

...  
BRISADIER  
GENERAL...  
LAMBERT  
SCHROEDER  
...



BESIDE,  
I'M A  
LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL  
NOW.

HMM.

WHO'S  
GOT THE  
FOUL  
MOUTH  
HERE?!

...JUST  
LIKE A  
TYPICAL  
FOUL-  
MOUTHED  
SLUM  
TERRORIST  
...

THAT  
SLUM  
YOU  
BURNED  
...

IT'S  
NOT THE  
RESISTANCE  
THAT'S FOUL,  
IT'S PEOPLE  
LIKE YOU WHO  
USE AUTHORITY  
AND LAWS  
TO COVER UP  
THEIR FILTHY  
MISDEEDS  
!!!

...HAD NO  
RESISTANCE  
FORCES!  
IT WAS A  
DEMILITA-  
RIZED  
ZONE!!

GOT  
THAT ?!

DON'T  
YOU EVER  
TRY INTER-  
VENING  
AGAIN!!

THERE'S  
NO REASON  
TO BRING  
UP THAT  
MATTER  
NOW.

...WILL  
BE DE-  
STROYED.

OR  
AREA  
O...

HEH...

HEH  
HEH  
HEH...



THERE'S  
NO ONE IN  
EDEN WHO  
DARES  
DEFY ME.

YOU'RE  
ALLOWED TO  
KILL ANY IDIOT  
WHO COMES  
WALTZING  
INTO AREA 0  
WITHOUT  
PERMISSION.  
NO MATTER  
WHO THEY  
ARE.

OH, SO  
YOU'RE  
NOT  
GOING TO  
LEAVE?

...O-  
DON'T BE  
RIDICU-  
LOUS!  
THIS IS  
SLANDER  
...

FINE.  
RICALNA,  
KILL HIM.

WHA  
...?!

HUH  
?!

THEY'S  
THE  
RULES.









KILL  
HIM.

GO  
ON...

...GEEZ...





JUST MAKING  
ONE CYBORG  
REQUIRES  
CLOSE TO  
TEN YEARS OF  
WORK AND AN  
EXORBITANT  
AMOUNT OF  
MONEY!

YOU  
THINK WE'RE  
RUNNING A  
FACTORY?  
THIS IS QUAL-  
ITY CRAFTS-  
MANSHIP I'M  
DOING HERE!



...OKAY,  
SECOND  
QUESTION...



DO YOU  
REALLY THINK  
THERE'S ANOTHER  
CYBORG-MAKING  
GENIUS OUT THERE,  
BESIDES YOURS  
TRULY?



DO YOU  
KNOW A  
MAN NAMED  
TURKES  
VERAFOLT  
...?



A  
CYBORG  
...

OF THE  
SAME  
MODEL  
AS ME.

TURKES?

WHO'S  
THAT?



FIRST  
I'VE  
HEARD  
...

BUT HE'S NOT  
FROM EORN..  
HE'S A SLUM-  
DWELLER,  
& MEMBER  
OF CHAOS  
TIDE THAT  
ATTACKED  
YESTERDAY.

A  
SLUM-  
DWELL-  
ER?!

THAT'S  
NOT  
POS-  
SIBLE.

HUH?  
THE  
SAME  
MODEL  
AS YOU,  
RICALNA  
...?

WELL..  
HE'S DEF-  
INITELY A  
CYBORG  
...

HUH?

WHO  
DID IT?



U...



JIM...?



TELL ME!  
WHO  
WAS THE  
ENGINEER  
THAT BUILT  
TURKES  
?!!



...SOME  
GUY  
NAMED  
"ADAM"...

...HE  
MENTIONED  
THAT THE  
ENGINEER  
THAT BUILT  
HIM WAS...



This time I have too many pages left to fill [sweatdrop], and so (just like I shouldn't) I'm going to squander them on a few designs I unearthed.

Okay, this time (will there be a next time?!) I'll talk about Ricalna, the character who took the most work to design.

Originally he was the protagonist of another story that I was working on while I was thinking up the one that later became McKeep. That setting is too huge for me to include here, so I won't go into it. But the current McKeep was made by cross-breeding those two stories.

The "Ricalna Forde" from that story was rather more adult than the current Ricalna, in both appearance and personality. That's because his specs had him as "a faciturn & solitary young man." (!) is the character design from then... frankly, I have to give his appearance zero stars!

He wasn't a cyborg, of course, but he wasn't quite human either. The character type I had in mind when designing him was "criminal/prisoner," so the specs include the phrase "wrapped in chains." But... it looks kinda S&M (huh). He also wasn't going to have access to weapons or guns...

However, I plunged ahead with that character design, working on it feverishly even though I didn't have a manga in mind for it. I'll probably regret ever drawing it sometime in the future.

That was dumb.





Now then. When I combined the stories and made Ricalna the protagonist, I did a full remodel of the character specs. The very first character design at that time was this: (2).

The upper part (mainly the hairstyle) shows glimpses of his current appearance... It looks like I'd already decided to make him a cyborg, since this design has him outfitted with a camera eye.

His facial features still look more adult... not very sister-freaky. ("Hey!") But the coat seems kinda sorta wizardly, somehow. The design ended up being suggestive of wizards, not a lot, but enough that I really couldn't picture it in a cyber-action story anymore.

It just seems too hard to move around in. Oh, and it looks like I was still drawing his hair short in the back.





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My thought that (2) was a bit... off... resulted in (3). In a number of ways, it shows the heartbreak of feeling like you've strayed off course.

I'd been using "silver hair / red coat" as the basis for Ricardo's image colors since (1), so I must've had a memory lapse when I did this one (hal).

...Oh, but you could say that the hair might be silver, maybe? (Yeah, that's the ticket.)

Here's when I adopted that scar on his temple. ...To be honest, the scar-thing doesn't really mean anything (I actually said it). It was there in (1), too.

I got the feeling... that I'd been reading some particular manga and thought, "Ooh, a forehead scar, cool!" and drew it while in that frame of mind... (dies).

Now for the clothes and hairstyle, which I just had to muddle with the most. Why in the world did I do that? (Like I'd know.) I think, probably, where the coat was concerned, I was so fixated on ease of mobility that I took it all the way to sleeveless. And then, in a fit of temporary insanity (hal), I decided that the clothing design had to be something I wouldn't regret having to draw in manga. But when I had it in the final manuscript, where I should have been happy with it, I was looking it from a different angle and really regretting the result. I mean, what a lame... (omitted).

As for the hairstyle... there's not much I can say. What the heck is that thing...? (I shouldn't say "that thing"...)  
I mean really, what the heck was I doing?

Though, this time, I did make his hair long in back.

After coming to my senses and realizing "(3) is no good!" I rejoined the church of "silver hair / red coat" and found (4).

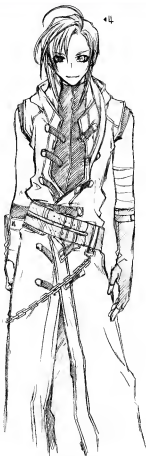
Looks like I hadn't had any new clothing ideas since (1). What's with this mishmash? At least it's a lot closer to the final manuscript, but it's a good thing I didn't stick with this, really.

The hairstyle is pretty close. I guess if you add (2) to (4), you get the final design? (Don't ask.)

Well, with this and that, I arrived at the current Ricaltra, but I really did agonize over his character design. I think I fretted about it to the end.

...And sooo (abrupt finish), there you have it. (Laughs.) Well, anyway, I pray we'll meet again in third volume...

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